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# Indiana Crop & Weather Report

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## CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 24

### AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Most of the state received some much needed precipitation over the weekend, according to the Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Stress to major crops and pastures was becoming serious in many fields until last week's rain. Farmers were still spraying for weed and insect control. Wheat harvest is progressing northward. Second cutting of hay is underway.

### FIELD CROPS REPORT

There were 5.4 **days suitable for field work**. **Corn condition** is rated 49 percent good to excellent compared with 57 percent last year at this time. Ninety-eight percent of the **soybean** acreage has **emerged** compared with 92 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Soybean **condition** is rated 43 percent good to excellent compared to 59 last year at this time.

**Winter wheat harvest** is 36 percent complete compared with 23 percent last year and 26 percent for the 5-year average. By area, 2 percent of the winter wheat crop has been harvested in the north, 23 percent in the central region and 78 percent in the south. The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 21 percent complete at this time. Major activities during the week included: harvesting wheat, planting double crop soybeans, scouting fields, spraying herbicides, cutting and baling hay, mowing roadsides and ditches, hauling manure and taking care of livestock.

### LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

**Pasture condition** is rated 0% excellent, 13% good, 33% fair, 32% poor, and 22% very poor. Pasture condition continued to decline during the week, but rain showers over the weekend will improve pastures. Livestock remains in mostly good condition. Reporters indicate some cattle and calves have been sold due to poor pasture conditions and high hay prices.

### CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Percent				
Soybeans Emerged	98	96	92	92
Winter Wheat Harvested	36	18	23	26
Alfalfa Second Cutting	21	NA	NA	NA

### CROP CONDITION TABLE

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Corn	5	14	32	44	5
Soybean	6	17	34	39	4
Winter Wheat	4	17	47	29	3
Pasture	22	32	33	13	0

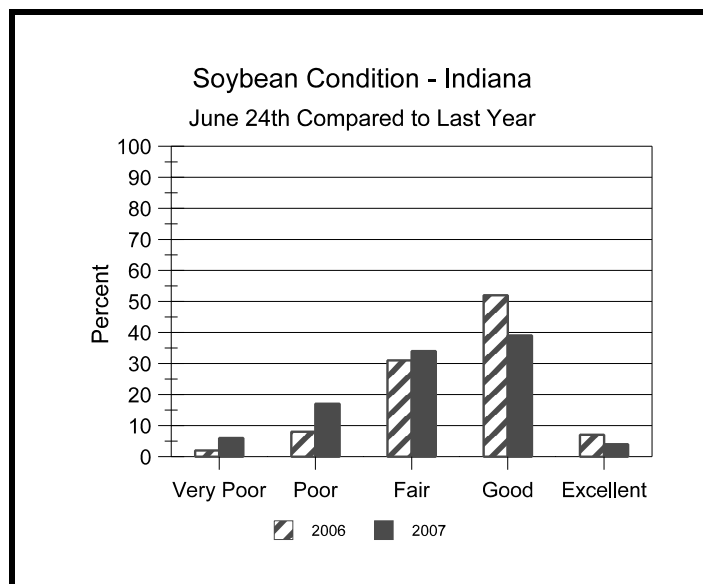
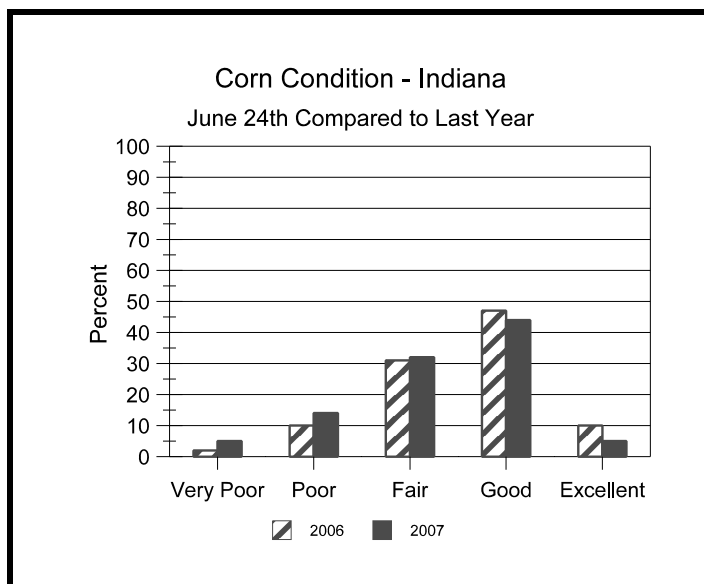
### SOIL MOISTURE & DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	29	44	1
Short	37	42	9
Adequate	33	14	64
Surplus	1	0	26
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	25	23	1
Short	44	46	6
Adequate	31	31	72
Surplus	0	0	21
<b>Days Suitable</b>	5.4	6.9	4.1

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# Crop Progress



## Other Agricultural Comments And News

### **75th Annual Indiana Farm Management Tour Kosciusko County June 26 and 27, 2007**

#### *Understanding and Adapting to the Changing Agricultural Economy*

**Tuesday June 26, 2007**

**Lunch and Pre-Registration – Sam Beer Farm –**  
Lunch at 12:00 p.m. Lunch is free and is sponsored by the Kosciusko County Pork Producers. Please pre-register for lunches by Monday June 18 by calling 1-888-EXT-INFO or by calling the Kosciusko County Extension Office at (574) 372-2340.

**1) Sam Beer Farm – Interview at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time [EDT]).** Mini-tours at 1:45 p.m. on Feed Pro System/feed records and their use in evaluating swine enterprise costs and returns, and Monsanto's Vistive brand soybean plots.

The biofuels boom in Indiana is having profound impacts on the markets for feed grains and poses a difficult challenge to livestock producers. This is particularly true for medium-sized operations, where profit margins on limited throughput are critical for viability. Sam Beer Farms Inc. (SBFI) is a medium-sized farrow-to-finish operation managing to maintain profitability and growth opportunities in a biofuel hotbed. We will learn about the strategic considerations required to find size-consistent competitive advantages in an era of increasing input costs in hog production. Nutrient management, production data analysis, and cooperative input purchasing are strategies currently being used to increase revenues and control costs.

**2) Tom Farms – Interview at 3:00 p.m. (EDT).** Mini-tours starting at 3:40 p.m. on seed corn production technology, the future direction of crop genetics, the future of GPS and RTK technology, tomato production technology, and how biofuels will change marketing.

Tom Farms provides a rare opportunity to observe one of the largest and best-managed farms in the U.S. Kip Tom was recently selected as the nation's "Top Producer of 2007" by *Top Producer* magazine. Tom Farms enterprises include seed corn production, soybeans, tomatoes, national trucking services, and custom agronomic services. Several members of the Tom family are involved in managing the farm's different business units. See how they are positioning for the future on their 16,000 acres in the U.S. and Argentina. Other speakers will include Ted Crosbie, who is in charge of Monsanto's Global Breeding Program, and Andy Miller, ISDA.

**Wednesday June 27, 2007**

**3) Gingerich Dairy Farms – Milk and donuts provided by Foremost Farms and Northstar Cooperative at 7:30 a.m. (EDT).** Interview at 8:00 a.m. Mini-tours at 8:40 a.m. on the milking facilities, sexed semen/reproductive technology, and feeding management in an era of higher feed costs.

Phil Gingerich says that clear priorities and sharing the same values are key reasons why he and his brother, Merrill, complement each other so well despite their

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# Weather Information Table

## Week ending Sunday June 24, 2007

Station	Past Week Weather Summary Data							Accumulation				
	Air						Avg	April 1, 2007 thru				
	Temperature				Precip.		4 in	June 24, 2007				
							Soil	Precipitation		GDD Base 50°F		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Temp	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN
<b>Northwest (1)</b>												
Chalmers_5W	92	55	72	-1	1.87	6		8.82	-1.73	26	1136	+143
Francesville	91	54	72	+2	1.49	4		8.40	-2.14	26	1083	+191
Valparaiso_AP_I	91	57	72	+2	0.65	3		5.41	-5.79	22	1107	+250
Wanatah	90	55	72	+2	0.65	4	77	9.30	-1.26	27	1009	+205
Winamac	91	55	72	+2	1.52	5	72	9.19	-1.35	26	1077	+185
<b>North Central(2)</b>												
Plymouth	92	55	72	+0	0.89	4		9.77	-1.23	30	1012	+80
South_Bend	92	56	73	+3	0.25	1		7.53	-2.78	23	1117	+281
Young_America	90	53	71	+0	2.02	6		7.59	-2.62	26	1160	+261
<b>Northeast (3)</b>												
Columbia_City	91	55	72	+3	0.79	5	72	6.68	-3.74	30	1014	+225
Fort_Wayne	93	54	73	+2	0.74	4		7.18	-2.51	31	1143	+261
<b>West Central(4)</b>												
Greencastle	93	51	72	-2	1.83	4		8.81	-2.59	24	1121	+59
Perrysville	93	56	73	+2	2.10	4	79	8.10	-3.17	25	1297	+322
Spencer_Ag	94	53	71	-2	3.61	5		11.41	-0.58	27	1156	+183
Terre_Haute_AFB	94	55	74	+1	3.18	5		9.46	-1.68	26	1286	+231
W_Lafayette_6NW	92	54	72	+1	2.45	6	78	11.30	+0.77	28	1187	+281
<b>Central (5)</b>												
Eagle_Creek_AP	93	61	74	+1	1.51	5		7.65	-2.78	27	1323	+279
Greenfield	92	56	72	-1	1.02	5		7.70	-3.32	33	1196	+218
Indianapolis_AP	93	58	74	+1	1.11	5		7.39	-3.04	28	1345	+301
Indianapolis_SE	93	56	72	-1	1.18	5		10.32	-0.35	30	1193	+175
Tipton_Ag	92	54	71	+0	1.80	5	76	7.18	-3.30	31	1105	+242
<b>East Central(6)</b>												
Farmland	92	56	72	+3	1.34	5	80	7.52	-3.16	30	1084	+252
New_Castle	93	54	71	+1	1.11	4		8.35	-3.28	25	1119	+265
<b>Southwest (7)</b>												
Evansville	93	58	77	+2	0.97	5		8.65	-2.90	27	1481	+205
Freelandville	93	61	75	+2	2.14	5		7.87	-4.00	28	1360	+258
Shoals	94	52	73	+1	1.60	5		9.55	-3.04	27	1247	+192
Stendal	94	60	77	+2	1.81	5		8.84	-4.14	27	1505	+329
Vincennes_5NE	98	58	75	+2	2.95	5	78	9.08	-2.79	29	1422	+320
<b>South Central(8)</b>												
Leavenworth	95	57	74	+2	0.69	5		8.53	-4.19	30	1354	+296
Oolitic	93	53	73	+1	1.97	5	77	9.07	-2.92	25	1203	+212
Tell_City	94	60	76	+2	1.94	3		9.67	-3.19	19	1486	+293
<b>Southeast (9)</b>												
Brookville	93	54	72	+2	0.91	2		6.63	-4.70	19	1248	+341
Greensburg	95	55	74	+2	1.09	4		7.62	-4.10	26	1301	+326
Scottsburg	94	53	73	-1	1.36	4		10.63	-0.97	26	1311	+215

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).

GDD = Growing Degree Days.

Precipitation (Rainfall or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation Days = Days with precip of .01 inch or more.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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different personalities, management styles, and interests. The two partners have built a thriving dairy business through innovation, efficient facilities, genetics, watching spending, controlling debt, and the efforts of their families. One current focus is on reproductive technologies including the use of sexed semen with heifers and selected crossbred cows and hiring a reproductive specialist to help with breeding cows.

**4) Bishop Farms – Interview at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Mini-tours at 10:40 a.m. on irrigation, specialty crops, crop recordkeeping technology, and grain marketing and grain storage.**

How do you get into farming on a full-time basis? That question is often asked by young people who want to farm full-time. Bob and Waneta Bishop will explain how Bob made the transition from teaching school for 16 years to farming over 4200 acres. The tour stop provides an opportunity to learn about the economics of irrigation and raising specialty crops. Participants will not only learn about the technology currently used on the farm, but also how the additional information is used to enhance decisionmaking. Finally, the challenges of grain marketing are as real today as at any time during recent history. The 270,000 bushel grain facility, the economics of investing in storage at the current time, and Bishop Farm's marketing plan for 2007 will be discussed.

**Lunch – Clunette Elevator – 12 p.m. (EDT). Lunch cost will be \$5 per person. Please bring cash or a check (no credit cards). Please pre-register for lunches by June 18 by calling 1-888-EXT-INFO or (574) 372-2340.**

**5) Clunette Elevator – Interview at 12:30 p.m. (EDT). Mini-tours at 1:15 p.m. on enhancing crop performance with custom seed treatments; crops technology and inseason monitoring; and managing plant nutrient requirements/suspension fertilizers. At 2:30 p.m. (EDT) Dr. Chris Hurt will update the market outlook for grains, soybeans, and livestock.**

Providing value to customers has always been the focus at Clunette Elevator. Starting in the 1950's primarily as a grain business, Clunette has grown and changed as customer needs have changed. Today fertilizers and crop protection products are a core part of the business, and there is increasing growth in the area of crop seeds and precision services. Clunette adds value by assisting customers with technical advice and access to technologies. Custom seed treatments are applied on-site. Fertilizers and crop protection products are applied using variable rate rigs and GPS-enabled automated steering for precise application. Clunette owns an RTK network, and sells and services guidance systems. Clunette values, and works hard to maintain, long-term relationships with its customers, employees, and suppliers. Clunette plans to align its grain business with end users such as the livestock industry, soybean processors, and ethanol/biodiesel plants.

**Lodging:** For information, contact the Kosciusko County Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 800-6090 or (574) 269-6090 or <http://www.koscvb.org/>. To view the Farm Management Tour brochure and map online, go to: [http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/extension/programs/FT\\_files/FMT%202007%20Flier%20web%20version.pdf](http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/extension/programs/FT_files/FMT%202007%20Flier%20web%20version.pdf) (.)